He next said that the Government grant to the Committee was deplorably poor. He requested that the Government should re-consider the question. But, if the allotment could not be increased, he requested that the appropriation of any amount over and above the reserve fund of Rs. 2,000, might be sanctioned for immediate expenses.

In conclusion, he requested that the Government might be pleased—

(1) to appoint a Committee, consisting of the Sanitary Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkar and some non-official members, to enquire into the present unsatisfactory state of the sanitation of the town and to suggest remedies ;

(2) to sanction the appropriation, for the increased needs of the town, of the excess over the reserve fund in the Town Fund ;

(3) to place the Committee in the hands of a non-official President, at least as a trial for one year ; and

(4) to appoint a qualified and up-to-date Sanitary Inspector.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Member will be communicated to the Town Improvement Committee of Alleppey.

98. Suggestions for improving the insanitary condition of the town of Shencotta.

Mr. S. Subramania Karayalar, B. A. (Member, Shencotta taluk) said that Shencotta was a thickly populated place. The houses were huddled together without sufficient intervening space necessary for communal purposes. Except the main roads in the town, all the lanes were very narrow, and the Town Improvement Committee, being very poor at present, were unable to light up even the main roads. Consequently, the narrow lanes were left uncared for. For want of sufficient room, the places were defiled by being used for calls of nature. Another evil was the insanitary condition of the Perumalkulam. The tank was used as a public latrine by the people of Shencotta during the major portion of the year. It was a store-house for the town rubbish and the people living in small houses collected all the night soil in a vessel and threw the contents into the same tank both day and night. As there was no drainage system in the town, the refuse water in all the houses found their way to the tank. By the action of the burning rays of the sun on the water of the tank from Chingom onward, the place emitted a most unbearable odour, and cholera often made its appearance with all its virulence, and many precious lives were lost year after year. The tank being close to the Travellers' Bungalow, many of the officers would, he was sure, testify to the truth of what he said and the urgent necessity for filling up the tank. He, therefore, requested that the tank should be acquired and covered up. He added that the people would be willing to purchase the area. He also requested that the lanes mentioned above be converted into cartable roads and properly lighted. In view of the importance of the town, it was necessary to construct a satrom at Shencotta near the Railway Station.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. Certain needs of the town of Vycome.

Mr. K. G. Krishna Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vycome) said that the existing outlet, constructed by the Government at much expense, to drain off the *kadi* from the Vycome temple and the impure water from the temple tank, was of no use, and, consequently, the sanitation of the place could not be maintained. He suggested that a better outlet should be made either by improving the existing canal leading westward to the lake or southward to the Puthenthodu.

He next said that, for want of efficient supervision, the town roads round the temple, the *porambokes* attached to the roads and the temple tank, were not properly maintained, and that the sanitation of the place was also unsatisfactory. He suggested

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that the town roads, now under the control of the Maramat and Public Works Departments, the *poramboke* lands adjoining the roads and the temple tank should be transferred to the control of the Town Improvement Committee. The watchers of the tank and the funds for the maintenance of the roads and the pay of the watchers should also be made over to the Committee.

The Member also requested that the under-mentioned means of communication in the taluk should be improved:—

(1) The village road from Thirumani-Venkitapuram to the Ithipuzha bridge should be made into a cartable road.

(2) The roads in and about the town, which were now in a neglected condition, should be improved.

(3) The road on either side of the Puthenthodu should be metalled and two bridges should be constructed, one at the eastern and the other at the western extremity of the canal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. The necessity for improving certain tanks and sinking more wells in the Changanacherri town.

Mr. P. A. Athicha Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherri) said that there was no good drinking water for the people of the town. There were three tanks in the taluk, *viz.*, the Puvakkattu chira, the Chitrakulam and the Vazhappalli temple tank. These would get dried up in the hot weather and the water would be muddy in the monsoons. The matter had been represented to the Division Peishkar and estimates were called for. In the market, there was at present only one well. It was quite inadequate to meet requirements. He requested that steps might be taken to improve at least one of the three tanks, and also to sink two additional wells in the market. One well should be in the centre and the other at the eastern extremity of the market.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The Chief Engineer will be asked to send up estimates for two more wells.

(2) Medical Relief.

101. The need for a hospital for Ghosha women at Nagercoil.

Mr. G. S. Uthumal Sahib Daha Lebba Alim Sahib (Member, Nominated) said that women were generally subject to more ailments than men. Except in Trivandrum, they had at present to get medical aid from male doctors. But most women would not be prepared to face male doctors, explain their maladies to them and obtain relief. They were therefore meekly submitting themselves as a prey to disease. In some cases, many lives had also been lost by unskilled treatment which they afforded themselves. The above evils were due to the absence of separate hospitals for *Gosha* women, in important stations, as in British India. He prayed for one such institution being established at Nagercoil.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. The necessity for improving the dispensary at Colachel.

The Revd. Fr. Fernandez (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that there was no well attached to the Government dispensary at Colachel, which was started about the year 1893. He requested that a well should be constructed for the dispensary.

He next said that there was a small ward attached to the dispensary, which could accommodate six in-patients. Until recently, the patients had to make their own arangements for diet, but the poor patients were now being given a daily allowance for their diet. They generally got their diet from the clubs. The self-dieting system was dangerous. The Member therefore requested that accommodation should

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